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ABSTRACT

This booklet presents information about the financial support authorized for libraries and library systems in Chapter 917 of the "Laws of 1990" and advocated by the Regents of the State University of New York for the state's library systems. It is noted that, although Chapter 917 provides for modest increases in library aid each year for the years 1992-1993, the Regents have advocated legislative action in 1992 for the full appropriation and release of all library and library systems aid currently authorized in statute. Tables highlight the financial support requested by the Board of Regents for 1991/92 and 1992/93 under Chapter 917, as well as the amount that these requests were reduced in 1991/1992 for each library system. Tables display data on state support requested for public libraries and library systems; reference and research library resources systems; school library systems; coordinated collection development; medical/hospital library systems; regional database/automation systems; preservation/conservation; the New York Historical Society; and the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. (MAB)

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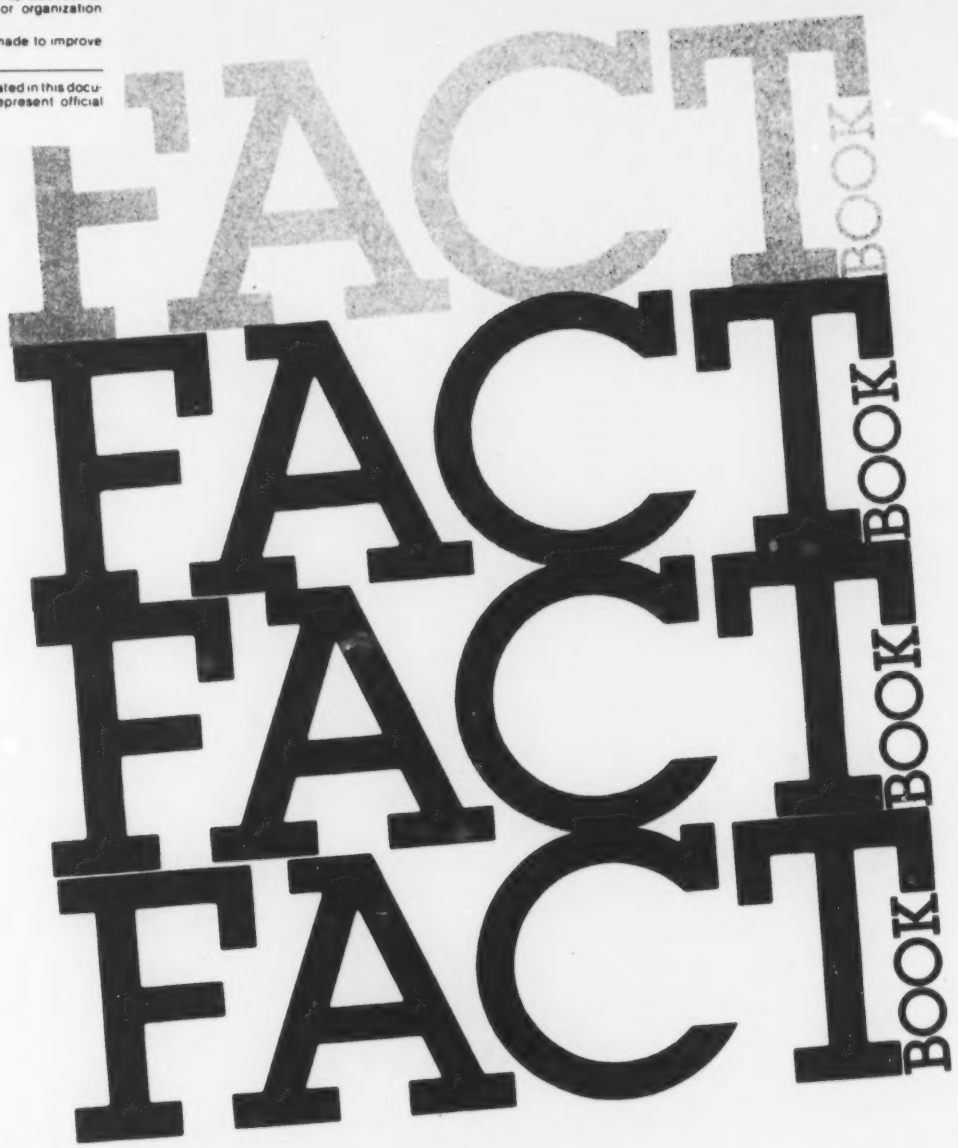

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REGENTS STATEMENT OF POSITION AND PRINCIPLE ON LIBRARY AID, *NOVEMBER 15, 1991*

Our network of school, public, academic and other libraries -- and the 78 library systems that support them -- is fundamental to academic and business-oriented research, public access to information and formal and informal education for New Yorkers of all ages. Library services for students, teachers, parents and communities are essential for achieving the changes required by the *New Compact for Learning*.

State aid to libraries and library systems makes possible remarkable library services. However, the absence of any increase in State aid over the past five years and the 1991 reduction of that aid have threatened that information infrastructure. There is a crisis in both our city libraries and in our smallest libraries in rural communities. There is a widening gap between need and support. Our libraries are closing just when they are needed most by people of all ages.

Chapter 917 of the Laws of 1990 provides for modest increases in library aid in 1992 and 1993. The need articulated by the Regents is substantially greater than that which is provided through Chapter 917, and areas of service which continue to require strengthening include:

-providing access to building and services for people with disabilities;
-restoring and expanding library hours, materials and staff;
-expanding use of technology and networks to broaden access; and
-attention to the special needs of children and adults placed at risk.

All concerned with the future of New York State must act to strengthen libraries and make them more accessible. The continuing need is clear and is supported by the results of the State Education Department's major studies of system effectiveness, public library standards, and technology planning and development.

Systems are needed more than ever because they connect people to possibilities for fuller, more productive and happier lives. Furthermore, the Governor's Commission on Libraries and the 1990 Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services have documented the information needs of the people of the State and the difficulty libraries and library systems face in meeting them. Resolutions adopted at the New York and White House conferences reflect both the fundamental nature and magnitude of the continuing need.

The Regents and the Conference priorities must be addressed through the effective use of library aid authorized in statute, including the $13.5 million increase (over the current, reduced aid level) authorized in Chapter 917; through effective use of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act funds, continued partnership between the Education Department and the library systems and access to education and other funds for literacy, human services and technology.

Therefore, the Regents highest priority for library legislative action in 1992 is the full appropriation and release of all library and library systems aid currently authorized in statute, including the $13.5 million in Chapter 917 of The Laws of 1990. The Regents encourage the New York Library Association, the New York State Association of Library Boards and others to join in supporting their priority for appropriation of aid now in statute.

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS[a] (In Millions of Dollars)

	1991/92 Chapter 917	1991/92 Reduced	1992/93 Chapter 917
Public Libraries and Systems	$60.48[b]	$54.25	$64.44[b]
Reference and Research Library Resources Systems	3.25	2.91	3.49
School Library Systems	5.65[c]	5.05	6.11[c]
Coordinated Collection Development	1.51	1.36	1.66
Medical/Hospital	1.81	1.62	1.90
Regional Data Base/Automation	1.63[d]	1.45[d]	1.63[d]
Preservation/Conservation	1.98	1.77	2.11
New-York Historical Society	.05	.04	.10
NYS Library for the Blind & Visually Handicapped	.05	.04	.39
TOTAL	$76.41	$68.49	$81.83

[a] Per capita aid costs are based on 1990 Census data.
[b] Total includes all aid for public libraries and systems, including automation aid.
[c] Indicates maximum cost if all school districts and schools fully participate.
[d] Includes only regional data base funds. Public library system automation aid is included under Public Libraries and Systems above.

ESSENTIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

This booklet provides facts about State aid authorized in Chapter 917 of the *Laws of 1990* for libraries and library systems.

Each of the seventy-eight library systems in the State provides essential services to its member libraries and enables them to serve their constituents better. System services ensure adequate library service for the citizens of New York State. The major study of system effectiveness conducted by the King Research, Inc., *Library Systems in New York State: 1989*, demonstrated unequivocally that the systems provide services valued at $3.50 for every State aid dollar invested.

Libraries and library systems have an essential role to play in helping the Regents and local communities reach goals set by the *New Compact for Learning*, one of which calls for every child entering school to be ready to learn. Support for library services means New Yorkers can meet vital information needs related to democracy, productivity and literacy in our diverse society.

Public Libraries and Library Systems

The 23 public library systems enable some 740 public libraries and 673 branches and other outlets to serve the public efficiently and effectively. State aid for public libraries and library systems is only 11 percent of the total public library expenditure, but is vital to assuring adequate library service.

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS[a,b]

SYSTEM	1991/92 Chapter 917	1991/92 Reduced	1992/93 Chapter 917
Brooklyn	$ 6,034,301	$ 5,396,476	$ 6,374,459
Buffalo and Erie Co. Pub. Library	2,607,276	2,331,687	2,757,909
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus	1,033,561	924,314	1,092,798
Chemung-Southern Tier	1,207,738	1,080,080	1,273,890
Clinton-Essex-Franklin	987,586	883,198	1,040,865
Finger Lakes	1,169,716	1,046,077	1,233,166
Four County	1,391,099	1,244,060	1,465,060
Mid-Hudson	1,791,123	1,601,802	1,885,799
Mid-York	1,278,413	1,143,285	1,346,454
Mohawk Valley	1,088,218	973,193	1,151,782
Monroe	1,980,213	1,770,905	2,090,378
Nassau	3,447,568	3,083,160	3,652,948
The New York Public Library	15,007,183	13,420,924	16,024,624
Nioga	1,105,506	988,654	1,170,363
North Country	1,518,650	1,358,129	1,600,933
Onondaga	1,300,120	1,162,697	1,372,470
Pioneer	1,097,258	981,278	1,164,086
Queens	5,041,338	4,508,468	5,346,706
Ramapo Catskill	1,946,843	1,741,062	2,054,483
Southern Adirondack	1,205,535	1,078,110	1,273,456
Suffolk	3,400,187	3,040,787	3,602,243
Upper Hudson	1,357,830	1,214,307	1,433,296
Westchester	2,364,928	2,114,955	2,504,480
TOTAL	$59,362,190[b]	$53,087,608[b]	$62,912,648[b]

[a]Per capita aid costs are based on 1990 Census data.
[b]Does not include aid for Construction, Indian Libraries, service to local and state correctional institutions, literacy, and the $100,000 for automation discretionary grants.

Reference and Research Library Resources Systems

The nine reference and research library resources systems enable academic, hospital, law, business and other special libraries, public library systems, and school library systems to share resources. They provide interlibrary loan, delivery, database development, reciprocal access, and other services to meet the reference and information needs of library users, students and faculty of institutions of higher education, the professions, and others.

The reference and research library resources systems also coordinate and administer State aid programs such as the hospital library program and the coordinated collection development program.

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES SYSTEMS[a]

SYSTEM	1991/92 Chapter 917	1991/92 Reduced	1992/93 Chapter 917
Capital District	$311,100	$278,217	$332,369
Central New York	297,085	265,683	316,968
Long Island	390,004	348,781	418,230
METRO	696,786	623,136	752,885
North Country	288,082	257,631	307,386
Rochester	304,085	271,943	324,570
South Central	310,888	278,027	332,244
Southeastern	320,990	287,062	343,095
Western	334,485	299,130	357,796
TOTAL	$3,253,505	$2,909,610	$3,485,543

[a]Per capita aid costs are based on 1990 Census data.

School Library Systems

The 46 school library systems provide a means by which some 3 million students can be served efficiently and effectively by some 5,000 public and nonpublic school libraries.

Experience with school library system operation and planning demonstrates the serious growing need for funds to support services. Funding for programs has continually decreased because of annual increasing costs for salaries and benefits. Each system continues to develop a computerized union catalog, which lists the books, periodicals and other library materials in the school libraries comprising the system. There is now a total of 6.4 million monograph records on these databases. Interlibrary loan and delivery services expedite resource sharing among the members of a system. Borrowing and loaning of materials increased from 480,359 to 495,589 items in 1990-91.

School library systems have a vital role to play in helping local schools and school districts achieve goals laid out in the *New Compact for Learning*. No one school or district alone can provide all the resources needed by students, faculty and administrators in today's diverse information society.

Cultural Institutions and *A New Compact for Learning*

The habit of using the resources of thousands of institutions of cultural education in our State and its communities, formed through close collaboration in the school years, provides a basis for lifelong learning. The role of community cultural and arts institutions in the *New Compact* includes:

- collaborating in specifying the skills, knowledge, and understanding which students should acquire;
- collaborating with the schools to provide lessons that integrate cultural and artistic experiences into the curriculum;
- supporting teacher-education and in-service programs with materials and appropriate training;
- exploring, with business, the schools, and other community organizations, the possibilities for work/study, internships, or other experiences for students, and for staff exchange programs;
- collaborating in the development of educational networks;
- providing alternative learning sites and after-school and weekend programs, coordinated with programs in schools;
- providing materials and programs for early-childhood and parent education through libraries and educational television; and
- helping children become excited about learning before they enter schools, and supporting their learning through their school years and thereafter.

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS			
SYSTEM	1991/92[a] Chapter 917	1991/92 Reduced	1992/93[b] Chapter 917
Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady	$ 106,126	$ 94,909	$ 116,835
Broome-Delaware-Tioga	95,379	85,297	104,601
Buffalo	95,645	85,535	104,310
Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming	98,688	88,257	107,884
Cayuga-Onondaga	87,911	78,619	96,115
Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington	94,270	84,305	103,056
Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego	93,006	83,175	101,796
Dutchess	94,920	84,887	104,209
Erie #1	105,502	94,351	116,038
Erie #2 - Chautauqua-Cattaraugus	153,267[c]	137,066	164,795[c]
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton	90,556	80,984	98,737
Genesee-Wyoming	87,043	77,842	95,121
Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery	91,791	82,088	100,294
Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego	88,518	79,162	96,777
Jefferson-Lewis	98,158	87,783	107,382
Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming	88,390	79,047	96,697
Madison-Oneida	88,851	79,460	97,223
Monroe #1	93,613	83,718	102,697
Monroe #2 - Orleans	92,197	82,452	101,221
Nassau	185,840	166,197	200,791
New York City	1,177,592	1,053,121	1,226,358
Oneida-Herkimer-Madison	89,959	80,450	98,522
Onondaga-Cortland-Madison	154,447[c]	138,122	166,428[c]
Ontario-Seneca-Wayne-Cayuga-Yates	101,277	90,572	111,051
Orleans-Ulster	100,168	89,580	110,558
Orleans-Niagara	94,422	84,442	103,631
Oswego	90,320	80,773	98,882
Otsego-Delaware-Schoharie-Greene	91,673	81,983	99,573
Putnam-Westchester	96,502	86,302	106,016
Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene	99,983	89,415	109,533
Rochester	91,446	81,780	99,862
Rockland	93,870	83,948	102,949
St. Lawrence-Lewis	95,519	85,422	104,375
Saratoga-Warren	90,840	81,238	99,585
Schuyler-Chemung-Tioga	88,787	79,402	97,083
Steuben-Allegany	92,134	82,395	100,727
Suffolk #1	93,675	83,773	102,463
Suffolk #2	128,562	114,973	137,240
Suffolk #3	103,399	92,470	113,409
Sullivan	87,431	78,190	95,499
Syracuse	88,852	79,460	96,844
Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga	87,586	78,328	95,710
Ulster	90,182	80,650	98,736
Washington-Warren-Hamilton-Essex	95,125	85,070	104,025
Westchester #2	108,009	96,592	118,356
Yonkers	88,537	79,178	96,510
TOTAL	$5,649,968[d]	$5,052,763	$6,110,504[d]

[a]Based on 1989-90 enrollment figures.
[b]Based on 1990-91 enrollment figures.
[c]Includes $50,000 for system merging.
[d]Indicates maximum cost if all school districts and schools fully participate.

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SUMMARY OF STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS[a]

Essential Library System and Library Services	1991/92 Chapter 917	1991/92 Reduced	1992/93 Chapter 917
Public Libraries and Systems	$60,473,5531[b]	$54,245,239	$64,438,980[b]
Public Library System Services and Operation	(31,463,253)	(28,137,587)	(33,280,862)
Local Library Incentive Aid	(8,655,003)[c]	(7,740,169)	(9,382,972)[c]
Automation	(1,480,000)[d]	(1,323,564)	(1,480,000)[d]
Central Libraries	(6,901,333)	(6,171,862)	(7,222,362)
Construction	(0)	(0)	(300,000)
Coordinated Outreach Services	(3,034,902)	(2,714,113)	(3,147,855)
Literacy	(0)	(0)	(100,000)
Service to Local Correctional Institutions	(175,000)[e]	(156,503)	(175,000)[e]
Service to State-Operated Correctional Institutions	(518,000)	(463,247)	(518,000)
Special grants to Brooklyn, Buffalo, Nassau The New York Public Library Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	(861,600)	(770,529)	(984,000)
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture	(681,500)	(773,275)[f]	(725,000)
The Research Libraries of The New York Public Library	(5,954,600)	(5,325,199)	(6,359,600)
Indian Libraries	(318,340)	(284,691)	(333,328)
Reference and Research Library Resources Systems	3,253,506	2,909,610	3,485,542
Coordinated Collection Development	1,516,316	1,356,041	1,662,298
Hospital Library Services Program	1,331,000	1,190,313	1,396,000
New York Academy of Medicine Contract	483,000	431,947	506,000
School Library Systems	5,649,968[g]	5,052,766	6,110,504[g]
Comprehensive Information Data Base and Delivery Systems			
Regional Data Bases and Interlibrary Resource Sharing	1,625,000	1,453,238	1,625,000
Preservation/Conservation			
Comprehensive Research Libraries Grants	1,127,500	1,008,323	1,265,000
Cooperative Grants	350,000	313,005	350,000
Discretionary Grants	500,000	447,150	500,000
The New-York Historical Society	50,000	44,715	100,000
New York State Library for the Blind	48,234	43,136	390,173
GRAND TOTAL	$76,408,055	$68,495,483	$81,829,497

[a]Per capita aid costs are based on 1990 Census data.
[b]Figures in parentheses are a portion of the total library aid for public libraries and public library systems.
[c]Indicates maximum cost.
[d]Reflects $1.48 million in automation aid for public library systems which current law identifies under the Regional Data Base program.
[e]Governor's Budget/Local Assistance Budget.
[f]Includes $163,760 provided by the Legislature for 1991/92.
[g]Includes funds for automation and indicates maximum cost if all school districts and schools fully participate.

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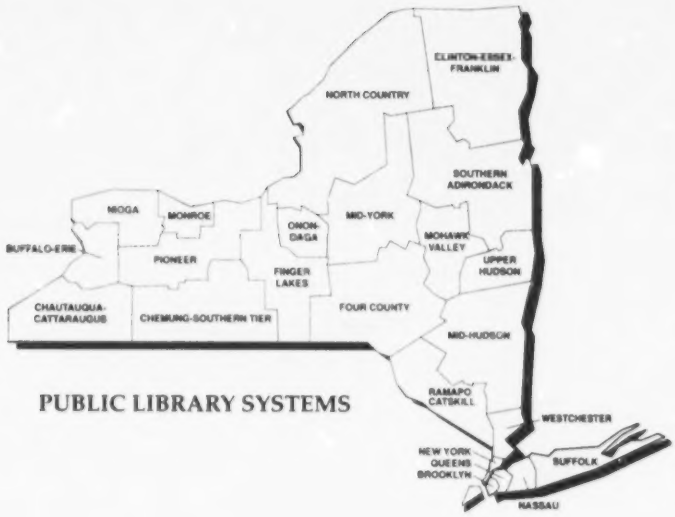

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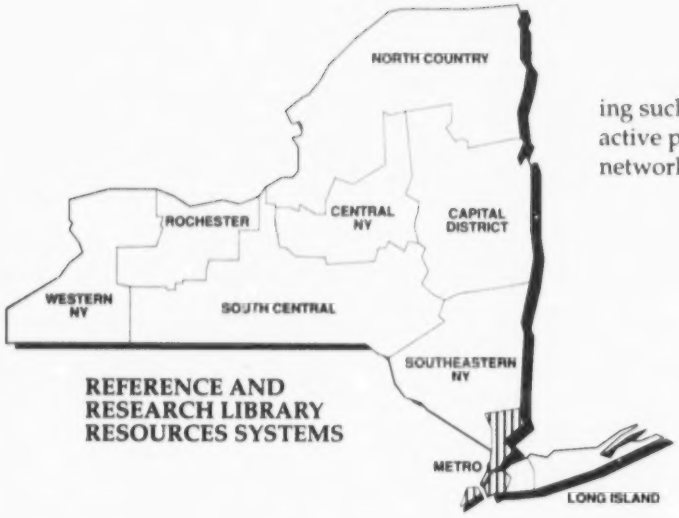
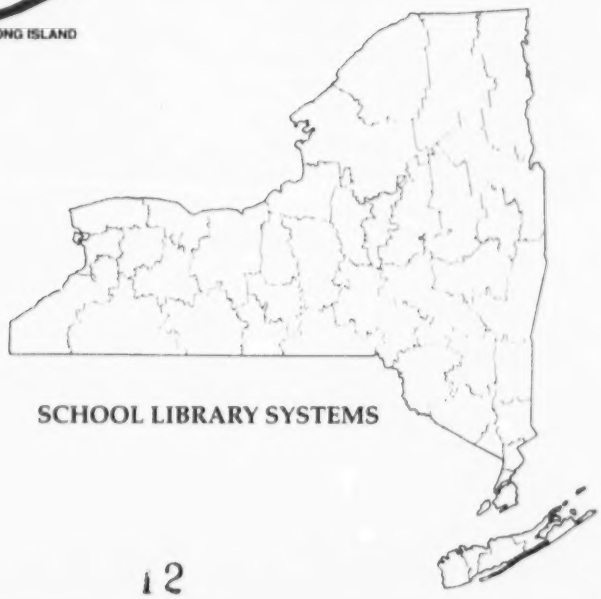


REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES SYSTEMS

State aid supports general system operation, including such items as staff, materials, programs and services. As active participants in the statewide library resource sharing network, systems benefit all New Yorkers.



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